

## **Criteria to Consider in Determining High Risk to Children in CPS Domestic Violence Cases**

In-determining high risk and the need for immediate response, workers should consider the following as additional risk factors where domestic violence is present.

1. Domestic violence related injuries to an adult or child.
2. Severe or frequent domestic violence assaults or escalation of severity and frequency.
3. Display or use of weapons during domestic violence assault.
4. Perpetrators threats to kill or seriously harm himself or others.
5. Perpetrator stalking of adult victim and/or children.
6. Menacing conduct of domestic violence perpetrator and risk to child of being assaulted or snatched.
7. Substance abuse problem in the family.
8. Non-abusive parent forced to flee and leave children with perpetrator. Or non-abusing parent and children have fled, without a place to go.
9. Adult victim unable to care for child due to the trauma of a recent assault or to the trauma from a series or multiple incidents.
10. Risk increases when the perpetrator has ongoing access to adult victim and / or children.